



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION I

J.F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02203-2211

December 18, 1989

Commander Geoff Cullison
Public Works Officer
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Dear Commander Cullison:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm your telephone conversation of December 7, 1989 with Meghan Cassidy of my staff. During this conversation you notified our office that a work crew had undertaken unauthorized excavation work at Site One. The work crew was not equipped with the appropriate personal protective equipment and was not properly trained to be working in a potentially hazardous environment. During the excavation work, workers encountered refuse typical of Site One.

As was discussed during your telephone conversation with this office, it is our understanding that the following steps were taken in order to minimize any potential threat that might arise as a result of this situation.

1. All equipment used during the excavation work, which had been moved to the base's equipment storage area, was brought back to Site One for decontamination according to the Site Health and Safety Plan. Site One was determined to be the best location for decontamination since no means of containing decontamination water exists at the equipment parking area.
2. The personnel that were exposed to potentially hazardous materials were sent to the Base's health clinic for a complete blood analyses.
3. A memorandum outlining all portions of the site being investigated during the RI/FS and the procedures to follow prior to performing any work at these locations was circulated to all potentially impacted departments.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requests that the Navy submit a written report documenting the incident. This report should include all observations made by the work crew during the excavation work including a description of the refuse observed, the exact location of the excavation and documentation of steps taken following the activity. This report should be submitted to the EPA within thirty days of receipt of this letter.

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If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter,
please contact Meghan Cassidy at (617) 573-5785.

Sincerely,



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